



FAREWELL SURPRISE—Bernice Goodwin, recording secretary for the Torrance City Council for the past six years, who resigned last week to take a position in industry, was the honoree of a surprise luncheon arranged yesterday noon at the Fish Shanty by some 30 of her co-workers at the City Hall. She was presented with a set of matched luggage.

El Camino Sets Yearbook Day for Tuesday

El Camino College will hold its third annual yearbook day Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Campus Theater. Yearbook staff members from 18 high schools in the area have been invited to attend.

The conference will stress discussion," J. A. Grenier, yearbook advisor, noted. "The yearbook from each of the high schools will be evaluated and recommendations made."

4 Cans of Beer Cost Sailor \$10

Four unopened cans of beer in his car caused the arrest at 1:23 a.m. last Monday of a 20-year-old sailor.

First stopped by Officers Joseph and Halbert while driving at a fast clip on Weston Road, John Thomas Jones, 3220 Winlock Road, explained he was in a hurry to get back to the naval base in Long Beach and was released with a warning.

A short while later, while investigating a parked car on 242nd St., the same officers discovered it belonged to the same sailor and noticed the beer in the rear seat.

Questioning the sailor on his return to the car, they discovered he was on two years probation, restricting him from possessing any alcoholic beverage. He admitted the purchase of beer and was booked for violation of his probation.

But, because he has only four more months to serve in the Navy, Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett continued his probation for two additional years and released him, with a fine of \$10.

Child Swallows Paint Thinner; Saved by Mother

Quick action by the mother of David Salazar, 2042 160th St., probably saved the life of the 21-month-old infant at 9:45 last Monday morning, after he had swallowed an undetermined amount of paint thinner.

A call from the frantic mother, was relayed to Torrance police by the Gardena Police Department and a police car was dispatched to the Salazar home with permission to rush the child to the hospital; but when it arrived Mrs. Salazar had induced vomiting and child appeared out of danger.

Public Hearing on Zone Changes in Lomita Area

Supervisor Burton W. Chace announced today that a public hearing on a proposed zone change in the Lomita District has been set by the Board of Supervisors.

The hearing will be held 9:30 a.m., Oct. 22. The property recommended for change of zone from A-1 (Light Agriculture) to R-2 (Two-Family Residence) consists of 4.3 acres and is located between Walnut St. and Ebony Lane about 200 feet north of West 252nd St. The Regional Planning Commission approved the proposed zone change on Sept. 1. The petitioner for the change is Herbert B. Brisban, 25034 Walnut St., Lomita.

Dave Rosewater, Local Merchant, Buried Tuesday

Funeral services for Dave Rosewater, 48, owner of the Look Furniture Company, 1317 Sartori Ave., were held Tuesday morning at Hillside Memorial Park, Los Angeles, under the direction of the Groman Mortuary.

Rosewater, a resident of Torrance for the past 13 years, is survived by his wife, Betty, 423 Via San Sebastian; brother, Henry, of Ohio and sister, Mrs. Jean Arnold of New York.

A World War II veteran, Rosewater was born in Richmond Hills, Long Island, New York. He died Sept. 27.

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Anyone For Bridge?

BY MARIAN M. WAHL

Judging from the international popularity of contract bridge, even as to President Eisenhower's fondness for the game, it is pretty safe to say that millions of playing cards have been held in millions of hands and slapped down on millions of tables of every description, since Lord Brougham, a British man-of-war, first introduced the fascinating game. This was in 1894, at London's Portland Club.

According to authoritative encyclopedic references, the earliest printed matter on bridge is an 1886 pamphlet, titled "British or Russian Whist." Although there is no certainty that the game is Russian, the fact that it was christened Russian Whist gives weight to the idea that it originated in Russia. It does, as a matter of fact, bear a close resemblance to vint, which is of Russian origin. The reason the name "bridge" was given to the game is undoubtedly the fact that it was the English word which most closely resembled "britch," the earlier name. However, the origin of the word "britch" is not known. It is not a Russian word.

When auction bridge superseded whist in popularity, it was commonly referred to simply as "bridge." To play bridge was to play auction. The word "bridge" still has this meaning for those who have not as yet learned to play contract bridge, but just as bridge superseded whist, contract bridge, since 1927, has just about swept auction into the discard. To play bridge now means to play contract bridge.

In a series of eight weekly classes starting soon at the Torrance YWCA, Bob Christie, a professional bridge teacher, will instruct novices, as well as devotees of contract bridge who wish to learn new aspects of the game.

North High Grad Completes Radio Teletype Course

Army Pvt. Leo A. Lepine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo H. Lepine, 5138 Carmelynn St., Torrance, recently completed the radio-teletype operation course at The Southeastern Signal School, Fort Gordon, Ga. During the 15-week course Lepine was trained to operate radio-teletypewriter equipment and to transmit and receive messages in Morse code and by the teletypewriter. He entered the Army last March and completed basic training at Fort Ord. The 17-year-old soldier attended North High School and was employed at the Major Gas Station before entering the Army.

bridge, or to improve and modernize their present game, YWCA officials hope they are offering an especially appealing course to area couples and individuals; a course which will pay off in many delightful afternoons and evenings of fun and fellowship; all rooted in 52 little playing cards; 52 challenges to wits and imaginations.

Registrations information for the course may be obtained at the YWCA, 2320 Carson St., or by telephoning the YW office at FA 8-5914. A nominal fee will be charged for the eight lessons, and YWCA membership will be required.

2600 Clubs, we venture to say that in the challenge of competitive play, they never wonder from whence came their crisp playing cards. These pieces of shiny paper or plastic have a long and fascinating history.

The first playing cards were made in China thousands of years ago. They were not known in Europe until about 1100 A.D., when a number of packs were brought back from the Holy Land by Crusaders. These knights had learned that the Saracens of Arabia were familiar with playing cards, and they spent many hours learning different games with them. The cards they brought back to Europe were all handmade and had beautiful hand-painted designs. Some Oriental cards were made of thin painted sheets of wood, ivory, metal and even of dried leaves. Canvas, leather and embroidered silk cards are known to have existed, as well as cards of tortoise shell and small tiles.

In the early packs of cards, each suit represented one of the four social classes of the life of the Middle Ages. The nobility was represented by swords; which later became our Spades. The churchmen were represented by cups, which were later turned into Hearts. The merchant class was represented by coins; which later became Diamonds; the peasants, by staves; which evolved into Clubs.

The face cards in these early packs contained pictures of actual kings, queens and princes. Some of the cards were round; others, square. It was many years before cards took the easy-to-handle oblong shape we know today.

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